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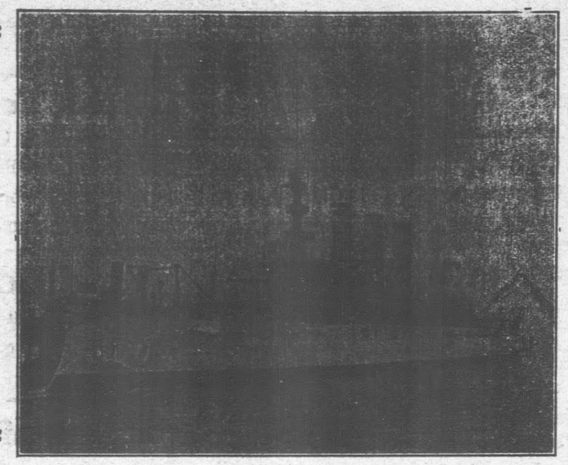

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ROOSEVELT'S EDITORIALS

The Outlook is printing in full Mr. Roosevelt's editorials, lectures and addresses and it is justice, not praise, to say that they are notable utterances which every American citizen should read.

One of his editorials is entitled "The Pigskin Library" which deals not only with the books that he took with him on his African trip, but also with Dr. Eliot's much discussed "Five-foot Shelf." This term "Pigskin" was given, as any one would imagine, to the binding of the books. Speaking of the books Mr. Roosevelt says: "Where possible I had them bound in pigskin. They were for use not ornament. I almost always had some volume with me, either in my saddle-pocket or in the cartridge bag which one of my gun-bearers carried to hold odds and ends. Often my reading would be done while resting under a tree at noon perhaps beside the carcass of the beast I had killed, or else while waiting for camp to be pitched; and in either case it might be impossible to get water for washing. In consequence the books were stained with blood, sweat, gun oil, dust and ashes; ordinary bindings would either have vanished or become loathsome, whereas pigskin merely grew to look as a well used saddle looks."

The first of Mr. Roosevelt's words to be published by *The Outlook*, was the short "message to the American People" cabled by him from Naples April 3d consequent upon the Vatican incident. On April 16th came his first public address after reaching civilization, delivered at the historic spot of Khartoom at the American Mission there under the auspices of the United Presbyterian Church of America.

Next Mr. Roosevelt made his now famous address to the University of Cairo, March 28th, which *The Outlook* gave to its readers April 23d. The last utterances of Mr. Roosevelt given is his nobel address spoken at Christiana, Sweden, May 5th and printed in *The Outlook* May 7th.

All these speeches and addresses are every way worthy of careful reading not only for the reason that they are utterances of a remarkable man spoken on great occasions, but because they contain in themselves matter well worth anyone's careful reading. THE TRANSCRIPT purposes later to comment more fully upon these addresses, which now it can only in a general way highly recommend its readers to read in *The Outlook* which publishes them.

DINNER TO JUDGE

Henry P. Scott entertained a number of well-known people at his country home near Reybold station Saturday afternoon, in honor of Federal Judge George Gray, who leaves for The Hague this week, where he is to represent the United States at the meeting of the International Peace Commission, in considering peaceful settlement of disputes, relative to fisheries.

James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, and several other prominent men attended the reception. The guests came here in President McCrea's private car and then went to the home of Mr. Scott, where the afternoon was spent in playing golf. A dinner was served in the evening.

Mr. Scott's guests included, in addition to President McCrea: Samuel Rea, Charles F. Pugh, Rudolph Ellis, John Cadwalader, Andrew Gray, T. DeWitt Cuyler and George V. Massey, of Philadelphia; Jacob H. Schiff, Harry K. McHarg, Cord Mayer and Grant B. Schley, of New York; Charles M. Jacobs, of London, Eng.; Thomas J. Craven, of Salem, N. J.; and General James H. Wilson, United States Senator Henry A. duPont, Col. Benjamin Nields, Samuel Bancroft, Jr., James P. Winchester, Hon. Preston Lea, Harlan G. Scott, Attorney-General Andrew C. Gray, Henry B. Thompson, Willard Saulsbury, Hon. Ignatius C. Grubb, and Henry P. Scott, Jr., of Wilmington.

Delaware College Graduates

Announcement was made by President Harter last week that the commencement exercises at Delaware College, this year, will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, and part of the program has already been arranged. The graduating class will be as large as in previous years, and the names of the graduates will be announced in a short time. The commencement sermon will be preached on Sunday night, June 12th, in the College Oratory, by Bishop Frederick J. Kinsman. At the commencement the principal address will be made by Dr. Alexander C. Humphries, president of the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J. The other speakers have not been arranged for as yet. The orations by the graduates will be made by W. Sherman Corkran, representing the engineering department; W. H. Weggenman of the electrical department and W. J. Bratton of the classical courses.

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

A heavy draft horse should be long-ribbed. If a horse is short-ribbed he is light in his middle and is nearly always a poor feeder. His stomach is too small to contain enough feed to serve him from one meal to another. When put into hard work he generally has a fagged-out appearance. A light-centred horse seldom weighs well, and weight in a draft horse, if it come from bone, sinew and muscle, goes a long way toward determining his commercial value.

After fruit trees come in bearing the best form of fertilizer is some form of potash. Wood ashes cannot be excelled for fruit trees, as they also contain large proportions of lime. Orchards that are in grass should be plowed occasionally, and some kind of hoe crop grown therein, in order to keep the ground clean and loosen the soil; but the land should be heavily manured, or fertilizer liberally applied, as the soil cannot provide for two crops—fruit and grass or grain—without an abundance of plant food.

One of the most convenient remedies for cuts, strains, sores, etc., is crede petroleum. A bottle of this substance should be kept in every barn or stable and in a conventient place, so as to use it freely when occasion requires.

The various feeding materials give results more according to quality than to amount provided the stock. Properly-cured corn fodder, hay that was put in the mow at just the right condition and grain that is free from mold or smut will produce greater gain at less cost than articles that are not of good quality. No rule for feeding, according to weight of the animal, can be depended upon, but the more food an animal consumes the greater its ability to produce if the food itself is not deficient in nutrition.

Delaware is a little State of only 1960 square miles of land surface, yet last year its farms produced 6,000,000 bushels of corn, 18,845,539 quarts of berries, 628,786 baskets of market tomatoes and 4,212,110 cases of canned tomatoes, 180,999 barrels of potatoes, 258,982 carriers of cantaloupes, 264,886 baskets of pears and 74,759 baskets of apples, besides vast quantities of sweet potatoes, wheat and other products.

The advantage of plowing under peas, clover and other nitrogenous plants is that nitrogen is added to the soil, because such plants are "nitrogen gatherers." When oats, rye or buckwheat are turned under there is no gain in nitrogen, though such plants assist in forming humus.

It is nitrate that makes growth of plants. It must be in the form of a nitrate before plants can use it. Nitrogen gets into this form in the soil in hot weather. This is the reason corn and oats cannot make rapid growth at first. They do not get the food they need. But if the oats wait much they get too much heat later, when they do not need it. In a cold, dry spring a little nitrogen in the form of a nitrate does a lot of good—it provides the needed element in a form immediately available. In such a spring it would pay many farmers to use a light dressing of nitrate of soda on oats and on meadows. It should be applied at the time needed—not at the time of seeding, because it is too soluble and may be leached away before there are roots to take it up. This is a suggestion for experiments on a small scale, when cold, dry weather is stopping all growth.

It is pretty hard to beat rape for hog pasture, for it is a rapid grower and most excellent. But a Missouri station bulletin maintains that cow peas are also excellent It says that to provide a crop of cowpeas in the best condition for hogs, it will be necessary to select some very early maturing sort and sow rather earlier than is advised for a general crop. For this purpose Sherman's Northern Prolific or Warren's Extra Early are recommended, to be sown about the middle of corn-planting time in rows about thirty inches apart and cultivated shallow and level as often as is necessary to hold the weeds in check. For the best results the hogs should not be turned on the peas until the first pods are turning yellow. They will, however, make good pasture before this time, and if the hogs are needing pasture it is not advised to wait until that stage of maturity. A larger area of cowpeas for hogs should be sown about the end of corn-planting time and for this purpose the Whippoorwill variety is to be recommended, or a second sowing may be made. These may be sown broadcast and covered with a springtooth harrow, or, what is better, sown with a grain drill letting all hoes run, using from a bushel to a bushel and a half of seed to the acre. They will require no subsequent cultivation and will come on about the time the earlier varieties mentioned have been eaten down. It is considered still better and more economical of seed to sow in rows and cultivate as above suggested.

Those who live near towns and cities of any considerable size can usually find a profitable market for rhubarb during the spring and early summer, at which time nearly everyone wants a few messes of rhubarb. But whether it is intended to market any of the crop or not every family that has a garden wants a patch of rhubarb to supply the home needs.

The soil where rhubarb is to be planted cannot be made too rich. Well rotted stable manure may be applied at the rate of about forty loads per acre and then plowed under. The spot where the plants are to be set should be well drained.

Woes of a Bashful Man

A bashful young man in town was invited out to dinner. He was very much agitated. He sat opposite a mirror and discovered that he had forgotten to comb his hair. Then he dropped his fork on the floor and as he stooped to pick it up he upset his coffee. Matters went from bad to worse, until finally in despair the young man quit eating and put his hands under the table. The loose end of the tablecloth was lying in his lap. When he touched it he turned pale. He thought it was his shirt and that he had forgotten to put the garment in his trousers. He hurriedly stuffed the supposed shirt inside his trousers. Afterward, when the family arose from the table there was a crash. The dishes lay in a broken mass on the floor. The young man pulled three feet of tablecloth out of his pants and flew to the woods.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

A little kerosene added to the water used for washing windows greatly lessens the labor and improves the appearance of the window.

When ironing with gasoline, place two irons side by side, then put one more on top of each. This will heat four irons on one burner.

In using the ring of a lemon for flavoring, remember that it is only the outer or yellow part of the rind that holds the essential oil.

The simplest thing for removing iodine from hands or white goods is household ammonia, which converts the iodine into iodine of ammonia.

Use two pieces of glass and two pictures placed back to back in pasepartouting. Fasten the hangers to the cardboard between the two pictures.

Put a recipe for making plasters on your medicine chest door. It will be convenient in case someone unaccustomed to making them has to do so.

A drop of oil of cloves on the tongue takes away the sense of taste for a moment, and disagreeable medicine can be given without any trouble.

A tablespoonful of Epsom salts, added to one-half gallon of cold water, thoroughly dissolved and poured over plant roof will hasten their growth wonderfully.

When a white enamel vessel has become discolored, simply fill the vessel with water and add a teaspoonful of chloride of lime. Let boil a few minutes.

The best frosting for cakes is made by simply mashing five or six dark red strawberries and mixing with confectioners' sugar until stiff enough to spread.

In removing spots put a thick pad of cheesecloth or some other material underneath the spot to absorb the dirty cleansing liquid that soaks through the garment.

A wire clothes line can be cleaned perfectly by rubbing with a woolen cloth saturated with coal oil and afterwards with the same cloth liberally sprinkled with cleansing powder.

Union suits dried on a coat hanger and with the tape about the neck drawn up slightly will not draw out of shape about the neck as they do when hung on the line by the shoulders.

Take an old discarded toothbrush to blacken shoes with paste blacking. It is better than anything sold on the market for getting into cracks where dust is bound to collect.

When a cork falls into a bottle, to get it out tie a nail on the loop of a string so that it will not float, and it will be easy to get the string into place under the cork.

If you have any difficulty in removing a glass stopper from a bottle, hold the neck of the bottle in the flame of a lighted match for a few seconds; the stopper will then easily come out.

A teaspoonful of ground cloves on a few hot coals will counteract the smell of strong food.

A sponge placed in a saucer of boiling water, in which has been added a teaspoonful of oil of lavender, gives a fragrance of violets to a room in which it is placed. Flies will not remain where the odor of oil of lavender is.

A large lump of charcoal in a refrigerator will prevent a musty smell.

A pound of copperas dissolved in boiling water, if poured into drain pipes, will dissolve the grease and other impurities.

It is quite the fad (not to mention considerations of economy) to send a faded linen suit of last year to have it bleached to white, when it will look totally different from the way it did in the original shade. Cottons and linens can also be dyed very satisfactorily, and so can straw hats. Thus the provident girl can have effective changes in her wardrobe without much expense or trouble. The factories send home each garment properly pressed and looking like new, and only the hems need be ripped out before the garment is sent away.

Save the clean grass cut from the lawn, sprinkle it over the carpet and sweep the room in the usual manner. It will accumulate every particle of floor dust, brighten the carpet and save a lot of dusting.

A new hint in serving grapefruit is to flavor it with maple sirup. The pulp is loosened from the skin as usual with a sharp knife, after which the center is filled up with the sirup, which must be the pure sugar melted down.

That useful friend of the housekeeper, the chamois, has an amazing habit of stiffening after a bath unless it is given with great care. Wash a chamois in soft water to which have been added a little borax and enough soap to form a lather. Shake up and down in the water and rub very gently. Rinse in cold water, shake in the air to get out as much of it as possible, pull it out well and lay it flat until partly dry. Now pull it through the hands several times and again spread out flat for further drying. Repeat this process several times and there will be little danger of a chamois ruined by drying hard and stiff.

Never use soap and water on varnished work.

Never leave matches where rats can get at them.

Salt and vinegar will be found excellent for scouring copper kettles.

Keep an oyster shell in your tea kettle to prevent the forming of crust.

Delicate glass can be safely washed in very hot water if slipped in edgewise.

A little powdered charcoal put in the sink occasionally will kept it clean and free from odors.

Soaking new brooms in strong hot salt water before using them is said to toughen the bristles, making the brooms more durable.

Salt should be eaten with nuts to aid digestion.

A little soda water will relieve sick headache caused by indigestion.

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THE SOYBEANS

A Promising New Crop for Delaware

For the past three years the Delaware Experiment Station has been making extensive tests with the Soybeans, a plant introduced several years ago from Japan. From the results secured by this Station together with the favorable reports from other experiment stations and practical farmers in other states regarding the culture of this crop, it seems safe to predict that the soy or soja bean will become a valuable crop wherever corn is grown and hogs and cattle are fed.

The soybean is a legume and, like the cowpea, has a beneficial effect on the soil where it grows. It produces a hay almost as nutritious as alfalfa, while the seed has a little more feeding value than oil meal. Thus far soybeans have proved a valuable crop to grow for seed as the supply has hardly equalled the demand. As to length of growing season and the place in crop rotations, the soybean is almost identical with the cowpea.

Of thirteen varieties tested in 1907, nine produced 3 to 4½ tons of hay per acre. Of 21 varieties tested for seed production, 12 yielded from 18 to 30 bushels per acre. Thirty varieties were tested in 1908; twenty produced 3 to 4½ tons of hay, and yielded from 20 to 33 bushels of seed. Forty varieties were grown in 1909; 30 produced 20 to 40 bushels of seed per acre. On the same land with the like treatment the best varieties of cowpeas produced 2 tons of hay per acre and yielded 15 bushels of seed.

Soybeans are adapted to a wide range of soils and may be grown in any part of Delaware. Land that will grow corn will produce a good crop of soybeans. The richer the soil the larger the yield of forage, though not always of seed. A crimson clover sod or land which has had a dressing of stable manure the previous year is an excellent preparation for the crop. On most soils in lower Delaware an application of 200 lbs. per acre of the following fertilizer mixture is recommended: 160 lbs. acid phosphate, 40 lbs. muriate of potash. Soils in a good state of fertility or to which manure has been occasionally applied do not usually require inoculation.

Prepare the land as for corn and sow about ten or twenty days after the usual time for planting corn.

If intended for hay, sow with an ordinary wheat drill as for wheat, using about 1½ bushels per acre. Sown in this manner the plants soon cover the ground and no cultivation is necessary. Cut when the lower leaves begin to turn yellow. Cure with as little handling as possible. When partially cured they may be thrown into small cocks and allowed to finish curing there.

If seed is the object, drill in rows 32 to 40 inches apart. The wheat drill answers nicely for this purpose, as the distance between rows can be adjusted as desired by stopping the proper feed cups. About ½ bushel of seed per acre will be required when drilled in rows. Cultivate three or four times as for corn, keeping the surface soil well stirred and level. Cut when the leaves have turned yellow. The threshing may be done with an ordinary grain separator or, if the quantity is small, flailed out.

While a large number of varieties is known and have been tested by the various Experiment Stations, there are but few varieties on the market. The best known of these are the Medium Green, Ito San, and Medium Yellow, Wilson and Black Beauty.

The Experiment Station has no soybeans for sale, but will gladly furnish any further information in regard to growing the crop.

A. E. GRANTHAM,
Agronomist,
Delaware Experiment Station.

3-Eyed Chick Dies

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 5th.—Had the freak chicken that hopped out of a shell in the broodery of H. C. D'Orsay lived it would surely have been able to get the bookings for a thirty-three week two-a-day contract with Barnum & Bailey's Circus or the Dime Museum. This little chick had three little eyes and two little bills. The head was shaped perfectly and covered with downy fuzz. Two of the eyes were set far apart and normal in shape. The third eye was directly in the center of the head and had twin eyelids that opened in the center and rolled to either side after the fashion of a drawing-room slide door. It lived just half an hour and being overburdened with natural talent closed all its eyes at once with a farewell "peep-peep" and died.

Smyrna Woman Aged 107

Mrs. Elizabeth Wonderly, a native of Smyrna, and an inmate of the Methodist Episcopal Home, of Philadelphia was 107 years old last Tuesday. Despite her extreme old age she is active. She arranges her own room and spends much time in sewing and reading.

Her grandfather lived to be 105 years old and her father died at the age of 99 years. Mrs. Wonderly distinctly recalls events of the war with Great Britain in 1812. She has lived in Philadelphia since 1860.

DELAWARE'S POET

THE TRANSCRIPT prints below a charming bit of verse from the versatile pen of one of Delaware's foremost journalists—Mr. Jerome B. Bell, editor of the Sunday *Star*. The piece not only discloses poetical qualities of a high order, but breathes a trustful devotion not less exalted. It has been as justly as widely admired, having been reprinted from *The Unitarian* in which it first appeared, in scores of newspapers. *The Star's* editor has done other excellent things in verse, and THE TRANSCRIPT could wish he might oftener bestride his Pegasus.

A PRAYER

Oh God, whose law controls the blazing sun
And all the countless orbs that ceaseless run
From out Thy hand, like chaff before the wind,
Make me to know Thy will, oh Mighty One!

Make me to know the Truth, whate'er it be;
Lead me to do the Right, and show to me
How I may rise to Thy celestial height,
And be from Error and its evils free.

Oh give me courage to pursue the way
That I should go. Let naught my progress stay;
Nor fear, nor pride, nor selfishness, nor greed
Turn me aside or cause me to delay.

I am so weak; I would be strong and true;
Thy purpose I would know; and if I knew
How I might live the best of Life to make,
Whatever should be done, I'd try to do.

I am so blind; I can not see the Light;
With halting steps I grope, as though 'twere night;
Yet all around I feel the glow of day;—
Touch Thou my clouded eyes and give me sight.

Guide me along the path the Teacher trod;
Let Thou my feet with faith like his be shod;
Fill Thou my heart and soul with love of Right;—
Thus nearer shall I come to Thee, oh God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

The tenth annual session of the Sunday School Institute of the diocese of Delaware was held in St. Barnabas Church, Marshallton, Tuesday, May 17th. The following interesting program was rendered:

Morning Session
10.00 A. M.—Business Session.
10.45 A. M.—Holy Communion and Address. The Bishop.
12.30 P. M.—Lunch.

Afternoon Session
2.00 P. M.—The Teacher's Special Duty to the Confirmed.
(a) Before Confirmation. The Rev. D. W. Gateson, of Georgetown.
(b) After Confirmation. The Rev. P. L. Donaghay, of Middletown.
Discussion was opened by the Rev. A. E. Clay, of Wilmington.
3.00 P. M.—The Teacher's Training.
(a) Importance. The Rev. H. B. Phelps, of Newark.
(b) Ways and Means. The Rev. H. Davies, Ph. D., of Easton, Md.
Discussion was opened by the Rev. J. W. Chesley, of Wilmington.
4.00 P. M.—Primary Work.
Questions were asked by any one. Answers given by Mrs. John Loman, of the Sunday School of the Church of our Saviour, Philadelphia, Pa.
5.00 P. M.—Your School's Chief Need. The Need stated by any Teacher, answered by volunteer speakers.
6.00 P. M.—Tea.

Evening Session
7.30 P. M.—Short Service and Addresses.
(a) The Purpose of the Sunday School.
The Rev. W. P. Remington, of the Chapel of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa.
(b) Temptations to miss it.
The Rev. Frederick M. Kirkus, of Wilmington.

HASTINGS BETTER

Walter G. Hastings, the workhouse guard, who was shot by a negro prisoner on Wednesday, March 23d, is rapidly improving at the Delaware Hospital, where he was taken soon after the shooting occurred. He is now able to get out of bed, sit up in his chair for a few hours each day and his physicians believe he is on the road to complete recovery. It was said, however, that it will be several days before he will be able to leave the hospital and go to his home and it will be several months before he will be strong enough to return to duty at the prison.

Guard Hastings does not know yet that his friend, Guard Thomas McCullough, is dead. McCullough was hurrying to Hastings' assistance when he was fatally shot and died two days later in the hospital. Hastings has frequently asked for his friend and is always anxious to know how he is getting along. He has several times expressed the hope that McCullough is getting along as well as he is, but has joked with his physicians and nurses by telling them he wants to get out of the hospital before McCullough and he has urged them to hurry his recovery to enable him to do this.

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BEST MEN AT THE PRIMARIES

The popular conception of office is wrong. Instead of being viewed as an honorable means for the citizen in time of peace to serve the Commonwealth, just as he saves it in time of war (and the first is often the more important duty of the patriot); as a sacred trust to be honestly used for the public good, it is generally looked upon as mere party loot—one of the perquisites of partisan success which entitles the victor to despoil the people at large in a way truly at times not unlike the spoliation that follows in the wake of real war. The results, indeed, in either case are often scarcely distinguishable.

That miserable maxim of Marcy's "to the victors belong the spoils of office," to whose practice Jackson has given such a malign immortality that it is cherished as the foremost article of faith in the Democratic creed, smacks too brutally of ruffian soldiery with sword and pillage, to have so long dominated American politics—so long been made the rallying cry of intelligent freemen exercising the lofty privileges of self-government.

Consequent upon this low estimate of office, there has grown up the whole land over, a class of professional office hunters and holders—mere placemen—who have contrived to erect themselves into a sort of privileged class answering somewhat to the parasitical nobility under the rotten monarchies of Europe; a cunning tribe of wire-pullers who like the lilies of Solomon "toil not, neither do they spin"; they don't have to toil, this lazy gentry, for both of them, lords and placemen, "live by their wits," and the people foot the bills.

But everybody is at last awake to the scandalous pitch which this abuse has attained in the Boss system, where a depraved politician, with his standing army of criminals, bribers, repeaters, thugs and ballot box stuffers, hirelings compliant to any villainy, are actually in possession of the rule of cities and states, diverting to graft millions of public taxes, and dictating policies not only to municipalities and states, but even at times to the Nation itself—usurping the whole function of government as though they only were indeed the People.

So it has come to pass, that patriotism, any thought even of serving the people, of conscientiously administering an office solely for public profit and not for private gain, never faintly enters the head of the candidate—only questions of "How much can I make out of it?" lawfully or boodlewise. In this age of money-thirst and grab, to get an office is simply esteemed a chance to get something for nothing, an official "soft snap" where the pay is big and the labor little or naught; where, often, the incumbent farms out his function to a subordinate who does the work, leaving him abundant leisure to look after the party "fences" or mind some business of his own. Who has not here in Delaware seen illustrations of all this by both parties?

But to apply these truths to our State affairs, the plain and ever accumulating portents of danger, shown in the elections of six different states, warn us Republicans to have extreme caution in the kind of candidates we shall elect at our primaries to tender the independent voters who to-day are wearing the old time party liveries very lightly. We must at our peril, see to it that for every office, there shall be nominated a man of unquestioned ability and integrity. Already a number of men in both parties absurdly incompetent are announcing themselves for the various offices—some of them about as fit to fill the important official station they aspire to as a Digger Indian; so totally wanting in business ability and experience, that without a deputy the office could not be executed. Let us surrender this folly wholly to our Democratic foes, who may now chance to find the practice costly.

Gone is the day when politicians, no matter how big, can pay their henchmen debts at the public cost, by willy nilly thrusting incapables into office. The day is far down the horizon, too, when the chief if not the sole qualification of a candidate for a position of public trust in Delaware, is that he did much work—clean or unclean—for the party. The people are awakened and will no longer tolerate this ignoble conception of office whose swinish and appropriate phrase, is "It's my turn at the public crib."

SOME real friend of the President should lasso and gag that Wickersham ass and keep him in the administration corral. His noisy brayings are disturbing the neighborhood and some of the chunks being thrown at the donkey may chance to hit his owner.

A TRUST ROBBER IN THE DOCK

So millionaire Heike, Treasurer of the Sugar Trust, having been denied by the Supreme Court the usual prerogative of his class—the "immunity bath"—must after all step into the criminal dock and be tried for at least one of his crimes just like any common every-day thief in a small way. And moreover this silk-stocking rogue, who is high in the councils of that big robber corporation that in the last 20 years has defrauded both the consumer and the government out of millions, may chance to be sent to join his five petty tools jailed awhile since for carrying his thieving schemes into execution. Well, well, what are we coming to! Possibly, too, still other rich swindlers, not only associates of his in the Sugar Trust, but officials in the Beef Trust, in the Lumber Trust, in the Milk Trust, in the Express Trust, may be yarned up for like crimes hitherto committed with entire impunity and also suffer the mortification of being sent to that vulgar resort of ordinary malefactors—the penitentiary.

Indeed if these molestations of our Trust barons are to continue it may come to pass that many gentlemen of high social standing and great wealth, our "Oil Kings," our "Napoleons in Finance," our "Wall Street Wizards," our "Railroad Magnates," etc., may be forced to jostle elbows with such low criminal cattle as burglars, pickpockets and three-card-monte men, who only did business in the cheap retail way.

Whereupon some indignant champion of this privileged class may re-echo the words of William of Newburgh, a twelfth century church historian, who bemoaning the abolition of their Ecclesiastical Court which in the days of the Norman kings dispensed "immunity baths" wholesale to sinful clerics, said: "Then was seen the mournful spectacle of priests and deacons who had committed murder, manslaughter, robbery, theft and other crimes, carried in carts before the commissioners and punished as though they were ordinary men."

Can it be possible that we shall ever behold the amazing sight of these powerful corporation rascals, heretofore invincible through the double "pull" of political influence and money, actually being landed in felon cells—"punished as though they were ordinary men!" Perhaps.

THE LEE STATUE CRITICISM

The State of Virginia, the "proud mother of presidents," chose George Washington and Robert E. Lee, as the two sons of hers she deemed most worthy to represent the Old Dominion in the Nation's Hall of Fame at Washington.

Not a few angry protests have been heard at the North, that a soldier, though never so eminent in arms or personally worthy, whose sword had been drawn against his country, should be thus honored at the Capital of the government he had sought to destroy. Virginia might speciously retort that the only difference between the two rebellious warriors she presents, is that the one succeeded and the other didn't. We would prefer to put it somehow thus: "Uncle Sam's boys had a bad family row some years since and Dixie got a good whalin' and though he has never yet squarely owned up about it—what of it? He's our brother isn't he? And since he *knows* and we *believe* he's sorry—why not let it go at that?"

CECILTON

Mrs. Elizabeth Knoch, of Earleville, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Windsor.

Mr. Robert Ferguson and daughters, Misses Alverda and Lillie, spent last Friday in Wilmington.

The twenty-first anniversary, of the Epworth League was observed in Zion M. E Church last Sunday evening.

Mr. William Lipscomb and Mr. Burris were Wilmington visitors one day last week.

Arthur Freeman and friend, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Beulah Bailey spent Sunday with friends in town.

Messrs. Thomas Pierce and Charles O'Neal, of near Middletown, Del., were in town, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis and daughter were the guests of their son near Earleville, on Sunday.

Mr. Ray Carpenter and wife, of near Earleville spent last Saturday with Mrs. Jennie Price.

New carpet has been laid on the floor of Zion M. E. Church.

The entertainment which was given in the Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall last Tuesday evening, was a success, $40 was realized.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jones, of near Massey, were guests of relatives in town on Sunday.

Dallas Manlove was a Philadelphia visitor Tuesday.

Base Ball

In a game replete with good fielding, excellent batting and sensational pitching, Warwick defeated Goldey College on Saturday by a score of 4 to 3. One of the largest crowds that ever attended a base ball game in Warwick was present when Mr. William Unruh, a 33d degree fan, presented Manager Johnson with the ball which was to be used at the start of the game. From that moment until Mason was thrown out at home in the ninth inning on a daring attempt to score from second on an infield hit, the game was one of intense excitement. In a game abounding in so meny interesting features it is difficult to select any for special mention, but the batting of Lattomus, H. King and Wood, and the pitching of Richards are worthy of note. For Goldey, Mason's base running brought the spectators to their feet on more than one occasion. On Saturday Warwick goes to Millington to meet what is reputed to be the fastest team in this section. The score by innings follows;

Goldey College	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	—3
Warwick	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	x—4

BARGAIN HUNTERS' PAINT

Here's a paint that's being sold to bargain-hunters:

10 per cent lead
50 " " zinc
20 " " barytes
20 " " whiting

Barytes and whiting are sand and whitewash, not paint.

Some people must like gold bricks, he name of that paint is———"pure lead-and-zinc." The dealer who sells it says it's as good as Devoe.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

OBITUARY

THOMAS C. MURPHEY

A telegram was received in Middletown on Sunday morning of the sudden death of Mr. Thomas C. Murphey of Philadelphia, formerly a resident of this community. His death took place about 8.30 o'clock and the sad news did not reach Middletown until Rev. F. H. Moore was conducting services in Forest Presbyterian Church. Mrs. M. A. Hall, sister of Mr. Murphey and mother of Mrs. Moore was visiting her daughter at the Manse, and was much shocked at the sad news. There being no train until late in the evening, Mr. Elias Shallcross kindly volunteered to take both the ladies to Wilmington in his "Overland", auto reaching there in time for the 2 o'clock train. The remains were brought to Middletown Wednesday on the 11.25 A. M. train and laid to rest in the Forest Cemetery. Rev. William Hutchin officiated at the grave. The pall bearers were: Messrs. G. E. Hukill, Charles Derrickson, George Derrickson, M. N. Willits, J. S. Crouch and J. Fletcher Deakyne.

MISS THEODOSIA ALEXANDER

Theodosia daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Alexander, of Elkton, Md., died about two o'clock Wednesday morning at Union Hospital, aged twenty-two years. She had been in poor health for some months, suffering from blood tumors, but was not considered critically ill until Tuesday, when she was taken with convulsions. She is survived by her parents, three brothers and one sister. Deceased was a sister of Mr. E. T. Alexander of of this town. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at two o'clock, and interment was made in Elkton Cemetery.

Men's and Young Men's Stylish Summer Suits

$12

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RECEIVER OF TAXES SALE!

JUNE 11th, 1910

At 10 o'clock, A. M.

By virtue of the power in me vested, I will sell the following described real estate at public sale at the County Court House in the City of Wilmington, State of Delaware, on Saturday, June 11th, 1910, to-wit:

The life interest of Alexander E Bennett.

(a) Beginning at a point in the southerly side of Thirteenth street, at the distance of forty feet westerly from the westerly side of Grant avenue; thence southerly parallel with Grant avenue one hundred and fifty-seven feet eight and three-quarter inches to the northerly side of Pennsylvania avenue; thence thereby westerly one hundred and fifty-one feet and six inches to a corner; thence northerly parallel with Grant avenue one hundred and thirty-five feet ten and one-half inches to the said side of Thirteenth street, and thence thereby easterly one hundred and fifty feet to the place of Beginning.

(b) Beginning at a point in the southerly side of Thirteenth street at the distance of fifty feet easterly from the easterly side of Bayard avenue; thence southerly parallel with Bayard avenue one hundred and twenty-one feet three and one-half inches to the northerly side of Pennsylvania avenue; thence thereby easterly fifty feet six inches to a corner; thence northerly parallel with Bayard avenue one hundred and twenty-eight feet nine inches to the said side of Thirteenth street, and thence thereby westerly fifty feet to the place of Beginning.

(c) Beginning at a point in the easterly side of Bayard avenue at the distance of twenty-five feet northerly from the northerly side of Thirteenth street; thence easterly parallel with Thirteenth street one hundred feet to a corner; thence southerly parallel with Bayard avenue twenty-five feet to the said side of Thirteenth street: thence thereby easterly one hundred and fifty feet to a corner; thence northerly parallel with Bayard avenue one hundred and sixty-nine feet to a corner; thence easterly parallel with Thirteenth street fifty feet to a corner; thence northerly parallel with Bayard avenue one hundred and sixty-nine feet to the southerly side of Fourteenth street; thence thereby westerly three hundred feet to the easterly side of Bayard avenue; thence thereby southerly one hundred feet to a corner; thence easterly parallel with Fourteenth street one hundred feet to a corner; thence southerly parallel with Bayard Avenue twenty-five feet to a corner; thence easterly parallel with Fourteenth street one hundred feet to a corner; thence southerly parallel with Bayard Avenue twenty-two feet to a corner; thence westerly parallel with Fourteenth Street two hundred feet to the said side of Bayard Avenue; thence thereby southerly sixty-six feet to a corner; thence easterly parallel with Fourteenth street one hundred feet to a corner; thence southerly parallel with Bayard Avenue fifty feet to a corner; thence westerly parallel with Fourteenth street one hundred feet to the said side of Bayard Avenue and thence thereby southerly fifty feet to the place of beginning.

(d) Beginning at the southwest corner of Fourteenth and Bayard Avenue; thence southerly along the said side of Bayard Avenue one hundred and twenty five feet to a corner; thence westerly parallel with Fourteenth Street one hundred and forty-three feet to the middle of Rockford Road; thence northerly along the middle of said Road one hundred and twenty-nine feet to the said side of Fourteenth street, thence thereby easterly ninety-two feet six inches to a corner; thence southerly parallel with Bayard Avenue one hundred feet to a corner; thence easterly parallel with Fourteenth Street forty feet to a corner; thence northerly parallel with Bayard Avenue one hundred feet to the said side of Fourteenth street, and thence thereby easterly forty feet to the place of beginning.

(e) Beginning at a point in the westerly side of Bayard Avenue, at the distance of one hundred and eighteen feet and one inch northerly from the northerly side of Pennsylvania Avenue; thence westerly parallel with Thirteenth Street eighty-three feet six inches to the middle of Rockford Road; thence northerly along the middle of said Road two hundred and thirty-one feet nine inches to a corner; thence easterly parallel with Fourteenth Street one hundred and thirty-seven feet three inches to the westerly side of Bayard Avenue, and thence thereby southerly two hundred and twenty-five feet to the place of beginning.

County Tax, 1907-8-9, $81.90.

Being the life interest of Alexander E. Bennett in above property and to be sold for taxes by

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Pictures framed to order at half price.

Having more than doubled our floor space by adding Brockson's and DeValinger's Stores to our store in the past year we can display all the above mentioned goods to advantage. We have over 4000 square feet of floor space, plenty room for goods and customers.

Other bargains too numerous to mention in our Shoe Department, Men's Clothing Department, ladies' underwear, skirts and linene suits.

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BOARD OF STATE SUPPLIES, DOVER, DELAWARE.

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Specifications and blank proposals may me obtained at office of Secretary of State on or after May 3d, 1910.

Samples of proposed printing and supplies, when specifications refer to samples, may be seen at office of Secretary of State.

The proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for 10 per centum of the amount of bid payable to Secretary of said Board.

Only those proposals made upon the blanks furnished by said Board will be entertained.

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WILLIAM T. SMYTHERS,
Secretary of Board of State Supplies.
April 22d, 1910.

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An attractive line of Ladies', Men's and Children's Shoes and Slippers, at prices that are within the reach of all. Call and see them and learn our prices.

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Men's and Boys' Felt and Straw Hats. The latest styles and best quality, ranging in price from 50c to $3 50

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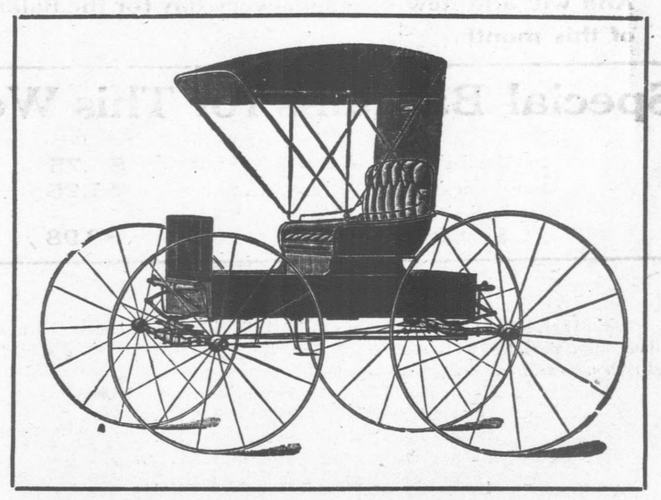

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No country on the face of the globe contains so many delightful summer resorts as the United States, with its near neighbor, Canada.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will issue its popular Sum-Excursion Book on June 1, and you will find it a wonderful help in plotting out your summer trip.

It contains descriptions of about eight hundred of the leading resorts of North America, lists of hotels and boarding houses at these various places, a map, routes and rates from the principal stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and other valuable information.

If you have grown tired of the resort you have visited for years, you may make a selection from this book for a stay of a day, a week, a month, or the whole summer.

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Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a, m, and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 21, 1910

Local News

Wheat is heading.

Roses are in bloom.

Strawberries and cream.

Memorial Day, May 30th.

The oyster will now have a rest.

Green peas will soon be in market.

The ice wagon is getting in its work.

Strawberry short cake is on the bill of fare.

Soda fountains are increasing in popularity.

Sunday Schools are rehearsing for Children's Day.

Cameras, Kodaks and Supplies at
BURSTAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE.

FOR RENT—Pneuvac Cleaner. Makes housecleaning easy. J. H. EMERSON.

Pictures framed to order at half-price.
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FOR RENT.—The "Solway Stable" East end of Main street. G. E. HUKILL.

I pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of Fur. W. C. JONES.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.

Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of Poultry and Eggs. W. C. JONES.

The time will soon be at hand for the sweet girl graduate to sally forth to conquer.

T. V. Leonhart announces that he is prepared to do paperhanging, graining and finishing.

Remember that in Flour, Pillsbury's Best is the Best.
MIDDLETOWN FARMS, Inc.

The Dugan property, on East Main street, has bee brightened with a fresh coat of paint.

Wall paper—Just received a large invoice direct from the manufactory, from 4c. a piece up. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

LAUNDRY—Send your laundry to Turner Bros., Wilmington, for first-class work.
J. WILLIAM BEASTON, Agent.

FOR SALE.—A Deering binder, 7-foot cut, in good condition; will be sold cheap. Apply to D. R. REES.

If you have a visitor or any news items we would be pleased if you would do us the kindness to pass it into the paper.

All kinds of fresh and salt Meats, Sausage, Scrapple and Lard constantly on hand. W. C. JONES.

Our personal column can be made more complete and interesting if out readers will send notices of entertainments and visitors.

FOR SALE.—The well-known "Cochran" variety sweet corn at $2.50 per bushel or 10 cents per quart at
EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson, agent for three large shoe manufacturers, sells on 10 per cent. Come and see what you can save.

Great improvements have been made on South Broad street by grading the road bed, and removing the high banks from the sides of the road.

Stored in our Warehouses all kinds of FERTILIZERS for SPRING CROPS. Send your teams and we will give them prompt attention. JESSE L. SHEPHERD, Phone 5.

We now have on hand for sale 3000 good chestnut wire fence posts. Let us have your order and we will reserve the posts for you until you are ready to use them. J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

George W. Ingram has sold the farm of Richard L. and Samuel Price, situated on the road leading from Middletown to Warwick, Md., containing 210 acres, to Mrs. J. P. Algire, for $15,250.

Have your Live Stock Insured against death from any cause, in the Indiana & Ohio Live Stock Insurance Co. For rates write to JOHN J. JOLLS, Agent, Middletown, Delaware.

Oxford, sailor ties and pumps for ladies and children. Our shoe business is growing. Customers pleased and count the money they save in buying here. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

WANTED—Local agents for new Dictionary and Atlas that has the endorsement of leading educational people everywhere. Must be educated and furnish good references as to ability and character. THE SAALFIELD PUBLISHING CO.,
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Farmers in all sections of New Castle county are looking forward to one of the best seasons for years. Fruit of all kinds show every indication of yielding well; wheat is looking fine and all other crops are flourishing.

We now have on hand the following feeds:
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JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

The extremely cold weather of the past week and particularly of the last few days, with its accompanying heavy frosts, has left in its wake a good deal of damage. Crops have been seriously affected in all sections of the Peninsula. The cold spell has retarded the ripening of strawberries and other small fruits in some parts of the State. Garden vegetables apparently suffered more than anything else. While some fruit has been slightly damaged, reports do not indicate that the yield will be below its standard in quantity and quality.

FOR SALE.—A mounted truck sprayer, in first-class condition with all attachments. Apply to R. L. PRICE,
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FOR SALE—The Drummond property on Green street. Lot 100x150 ft; 13 room house, stable, coal house, wood house, all in good repair. Possession given at once. Price $3,500. Apply JOHN D. GILL.

The ladies of the Warwick M. P. Church will hold a Strawberry Festival in the Town Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 25th and 26th. Proceeds for the benefit of the Church.

"Agents of the beef trust are scouring the Peninsula and buying up all the cattle, lambs, hogs and chickens they can secure and are shipping them to Chicago for cold storage purposes."—Ex.

Now that the summer visitor season is approaching we would appreciate it if persons who are entertaining visitors would drop us a card or inform us so that our personal column may be made more interesting thereby.

Commencement exercises of the Townsend High School will be held on Friday evening, June 17th, in the M. E. Church. The graduates of the '10 class are Misses Ruth Richardson, Nellie Joiner, Messrs. Clyde Shockley and Lattimer Satterfield.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 12th: Miss Mattie Frisbye, Miss Levena Johnson, Mrs. Lizzie Scott, John L. Briggs, Mr. Thomas H. Davis, Charley H. F. Thompson.

Reports of the Wilmington street car companies show that the crowds attending the circus Friday of last week were larger than ever before. The Wilmington City Railway Company collected 80,000 fares on that day and the People's Company 15,000.

Frank Henry Smith, the eldest son of William and Emma Smith, died at his parents home near Middletown, on May 13th, aged five years and eight months. Funeral services were held on Sunday with interment in Townsend Cemetery. "He was the sunshine of our home."

A Greenwood correspondent says: "Govenor Pennewill's father, who is over 80 years old, and who is gradually growing weaker from old age, is now unable to leave the house. Mr. Pennewill has been a very active man and did much for the working people of Greenwood."

An indignant subscriber recently wrote to an editor in the west, "I don't want my paper any longer." To which the editor replied: "That is all right, I wouldn't make it any longer if you did, because in that case I would have to buy a new press. The present length just suits me, and I am glad it suits you."

E. H. Beck, real estate broker, has sold the farm belonging to Dr. W. E. Cann and Miss Jeannette Cann, located at Keeney Station, containing 150 acres of land, to C. R. Vaughn, Jr., of near Dover, for $3,500. Also, sold the farm belonging to John W. Reynolds, near Elkton, to Rev. Thomas N. Given, containing 100 acres, for $4,000.

All about us this May weather are thousands of bird babies. Every apple and pear tree, every shade tree, is a nursery; the vine on our porch, the barn eaves, the grass in the meadows, each has its hidden netful. Their mission is one not only of joy and music but of economic value. Blessings on the bird babies! May the tribe increase!

The Middletown base ball club has secured grounds on North Broad street, and will be ready to arrange games as soon as the diamond can be put in condition. The boys are now soliciting contributions to assist in paying for the grounds, and lovers of the National game should encourage the members by contributing as liberally as possible.

People must learn to keep paper and other rubbish off the streets. Parents should set a good example for their children, besides telling them about not doing this slovenly practice. The school teachers should also speak of it often in their rooms. It costs the town a lot of the tax-payers' money to keep the streets clean and in order. You can help this money to go further by carrying out the above suggestions.

Rev. Vaughan S. Collins and his family will not occupy their cottage at Rehoboth this season, having rented the same to Mrs. Annie C. Taylor of Middletown, who will take boarders this season. This venture is not a new one for Mrs. Taylor, who had a house full to overflowing at Rehoboth some years ago. Located at Minqua, one of the most popular cottages at Rehoboth, Mrs. Taylor ought not to lack for patronage. She has the best wishes of THE TRANSCRIPT.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

A "freedom party," on his twenty-first birthday was given Reece L. Darlington, by his mother, Mrs. Margaret J. Darlington last Friday evening. The affair was a surprise to Reece, as were also the handsome desk and chair given him by a number of his young friends. Music and games filled in the time pleasantly until the young folks were invited to the dining-room to partake of the many good things provided by the hostess.

Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. Vaughan S. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fennimore, Mr. and Mrs. William Green, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Jones, Mrs. Joseph L. Parsons, Mrs. Albert Hopkins, Miss Kate Darlington, Miss Louise Echenhofer, Miss Virginia Jones, Miss Elsie Jones, Miss Mildred Spurgeon, Miss Prudence Lewis, Miss Elsie Boulden, Miss Nan Spurgeon, Miss Lulu Vinyard, Miss Anna Denny, Miss Bessie Forsker, Miss Elizabeth Richards, Miss Mary Neff, Miss Edna Banning, Miss Lottie Jolls, Miss Maybel Ford, Miss Helena Dutton, Miss Ada Scott, Miss Bertha Jones, Daniel W. Stevens, Woodall Cochran, Norman Kunpel, George Ginn, Elwood Banning, Robert Ratledge, Harry Jones, Louis Dreka and Ringgold Richards.

Warwick Church Notes

Preaching Sunday morning by the Pastor Rev. C. M. Cullum.

Christian Endeavor and song service Saturday evening, leader, Mrs. Bessie Stern.

1st Quarterly Conference will meet at Salem Church Saturday the 28th, at 10 o'clock.

Strawberry and ice cream festival will be held in the Town Hall, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the 25th and 26th for the benefit of the Church.

Middletown Boy Honored

Isac Gibbs, Jr., an engineer graduate of Delaware College, and a resident of Middletown, who has been assisting in road work in this State for some time, has gone to Chestertown to be sworn in as engineer for Kent County, Md., under appointment of Governor Crothers of Maryland. There was some objection to the new appointee last week, because he is only 23 years old, and therefore the youngest man holding office under the governor of Maryland.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS

R. R. Police Piling up Useless County Expenses

Last Thursday evening the railroad officers arrested 10 men found in a box car, where they had taken refuge to escape the rain, and took them before 'Squire Cox, who Friday morning sent them to the workhouse for 20 days. Thereupon they were marched through the streets shackled together in pairs as though they were desperate criminals charged with some atrocious crime, who might make a dash for liberty or perhaps murder their armed guards. They were not tramps but poor men from the city out of work and hunting a chance to earn a dollar or two in the strawberry fields south. Some of them were young lads of 16 or 17 years and others said they had families in Philadelphia.

Your professional tin-can "hobo" not only has the unmistakable brand written large all over him, from crest to toe, attested, too, universally by a rum bottle commissariat with breath to match but he nearly always carries a little "kit" of some sort, consisting of pocket comb and brush, matches, soap and a few cooking traps. None of these things were found upon these 10 men but on the contrary that they were what they claimed, was made probable from the fact that they had their workingmen's overalls with them, just what honest laboring men looking for work would have.

Now THE TRANSCRIPT certainly holds no brief for the worthless tramp, but it always holds one for the town and county to help keep a tab on where the tax-payer's money goes; and it would be sorry enough to think it did not also stand ready to demand fair play for any man against whom the fates had gone who was honestly "hunting a job" as these 10 men declared they were. So we say that under all the circumstances of the case, it was a mistake to send these men and boys to the workhouse, not only to their own unmerited disgrace but to the county's needless expense of $20.00 or more.

But this is not all. One of the green "specials" who has aspirations as a young "detectivé" wantonly fired a number of shots from his revolver into the car remarking with an oath that he woke 'em proper," be guessed. Of course it would be very brave to drive a piece of lead into a defenceless stranger whose only crime was that he was poor and out of work. For this senseless piece of folly Chief Stanley hearing of the act called the youthful vidocq to an account and upon his admitting the truth of the charge, promptly discharged him, for which action he deserves the thanks of all citizens.

THE TRANSCRIPT is informed that the 300 cells in the workhouse are full and that already they have begun "doubling up," which is not proper since the cells were built to hold but one occupant. Perhaps it would be wise for this reckless wholesale shipping of men to the workhouse to go just a trifle slower.

PERSONALS

Mr. William Beaston spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Mr. John W. Redgrave spent one day ast week with Dover relatives.

Mrs. John Voshell, of near town, spent part of this week in Philadelphia.

Misses Jeannette L. Schreitz and Mary Beaston spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. H. Emerson and Mrs. Herbert Connor spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Burnham, of Wilmington, visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. Marcellus Jones, of Ridley Park, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. J. R. Hoffecker.

Mr. G. N. Gill, of Philadelphia, spent Tuesday and Wednesday at his home here.

Mr. Alexander Metten visited his son, Mr. W. F. Metten, in Wilmington, this week.

Mrs. J. B. Donovan has returned home, after a visit with her mother at Little Creek.

Mrs. E. G. Allee spent this week at Rehoboth, the guest of Mrs. Vaughan S. Collins.

Miss Virginia E. Jones has returned to New York, after a week's visit at her home here.

Mrs. Frank C. West, of Wilmington, is being entertained by relatives and friends here.

Miss Daisy Scott, of Dover, spent several days this week with Mrs. Mary Droll and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beale, of Port Penn, were guests of Mrs. Rosa Weber and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Forrest Wood and daughter, Miss Mary, of Chester, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Michael Carroll.

Mrs. Abram Hayden and children, of Philadelphia, are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Truitt.

Mrs. Maggie Lee, of Townsend, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lee, on East Main street.

Mr. Grant Rowbotham, of Philadelphia, was an over Sunday visitor with Mr. Samuel Price and family.

Mrs. Scott has returned to her home in New York State, after a few weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. George H. Kohl.

Mrs. William Stewart, of Baltimore, Md., was in town Wednesday, attending the funeral of Mr. Thomas C. Murphey.

Mrs. L. E. Cullen and granddaughter, little Miss Caroline Fouracre, spent several days this week in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin T. Wilson and son, and Miss Louise Davidson, of Elkton, Md., spent several days this week with his brother, Mr. Harry Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Morris Deisher and Mr. John Bechtel, of Reading, were guests of Miss Eugenia Beasten this week. Mr. Bechtel is a director of the Reading Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and Mr. Deisher is Vice President of the Delaware Branch of the company.

Mrs. J. M. Arthurs and her daughter Miss Sylvia A. Arthurs, returning from Philadelphia and Wilmington spent two days with their sister and aunt, Mrs. M. B. Burris. The above named ladies and Miss Ada Lockwood, and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burris went to Wilmington on Tuesday to see the now completed War painting of Mr. Stanley M. Arthurs.

42-piece Dinner Sets, $3.98; 56 piece Tea Sets, $4.98; 10 piece Toilet Sets, $1.98 up. Bargains in dishes and china at
MRS. G. W. PETERSON'S.

Bethesda Church Notes

Next Wednesday, May 25th, after the prayer-meeting, the first regular meeting of the "Pastor's Aid Society" will be held.

Rehearsals for the Children's Day services which will be held Sunday, June 5th, are being held daily at 4 P. M. The Primary School is working hard and promise to give a very pleasing program.

The new copper wire screens on all the windows of the church, will doubtless add much to the comfort of the church goers during the warm weather. The annoyance caused by the bugs, flies and other pestiferous insects will now be a thing of the past.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. A. G. Cox, President, will hold their annual Thankoffering service next Sunday at 10.30 A. M. Addresses by Revs. W. H. Hutchin, J. A. Arters and the Pastor, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins. At 7.30 P. M., the pastor will preach the third sermon of the series on "Samson."

Will Be a Candidate

The Wilmington papers on Monday evening announced that Mr. Joseph C. Jolls, the present Clerk of the Orphan's Courtand Register in Chancery, would be a candidate for the same offices. Mr. Jolls has filled these positions with exceptional ability, and the chancellor and many lawyers desire his retention therein.

CANDIDATES INITIATED

Great Junior Sagamore James T. Semerteen, acting as great sachem, Acting Great Senior Sagamore Dr. J. S. Cobb, Acting Great Junior Sagamore William C. Josting, Great Chief of Records Edward McIntire, Great Sannap John F. Lynn, Great Prophet William H. Ferguson, Great Mishinewa Alexander C. Rogers and Great Guard of the Wigwam Stephen J. Barcus, together with the warriors and chiefs degree team of Keokuk Tribe, No 3, of Wilmington, trailed to the hunting grounds of Seneca Tribe, No. 44, of this town on Tuesday evening. Great Sachem Harry B. Sinclair was unable to accompany the party on account of the illness of his wife. About 60 members of Seneca Tribe were present and welcomed the visitors. Several members from Shawnee Tribe, No. 27, of Clayton, were present, as well as Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, who is a member of Minqua Tribe, No. 8. of Wilmington. The degree team of the Keokuks took charge, after the regular work had been preformed by the Senecas, and conferred the warriors and chiefs degrees on 11 candidates. The rendition of the degree work was beautiful and worthy of the fine team that conferred it. They were deservedly complimented for their impressive and elegant work. Long talks were made by Great Junior Sagamore Semerteen, Great Sannap John F. Lynn, P. G. S. William H. Ferguson and others, complimenting the degree team and also Seneca Tribe for the advancement they had made in the interest of Redmanship. After the council fire was quenched corn and venison were served in the usual style of the Senecas, plentiful and of the best. The great chiefs were pleased with the reception and the Keokuk boys were delighted with the brotherly attention and friendship displayed.

ILLEGAL ARRESTS

By Our Self-Appointed Constabulary

On Thursday evening two lads, 17 years of age, were taken off the northbound freight by a couple of self-appointed constables, Riggs and Cochran; and Chief Stanley being told by them that the railroad special officer Armstrong had ordered their arrest, put them in the lock-up.

Later finding that he had been deceived the Chief, after examining the boys, who had their overalls with them, and finding proofs that they were as they claimed returning from strawberry picking at Bridgeville, to turned them loose advising them to keep to the highways.

It is the opinion of our citizens generally that the amateur detective business is being much over done here.

THE TRANSCRIPT as well as the whole community are in hearty sympathy with the efforts of the railroad through their duly appointed officers to stamp out the hobo nuisance, which is in truth a great evil; but our people have a right to ask that the proper officers like Mr. Armstrong, who deserves great credit for his effective work at this station, and others shall make these arrests, and not irresponsible volunteers themselves liable to be arrested for their pains.

Quick Work by Our Chief

THE TRANSCRIPT repeats its former observation that Chief Stanley is "on his job—everlastingly, with two wide-awake eyes, two quick arms and a pair of nimble legs—on to his job." It isn't necessary for the comet to hit him, either, before he tumbles to a thing.

At the depot Wednesday he saw a six-foot "buck" hop off the 9.26 train and run to "whet his whistle" at The National, clapping his hand to his hip as he ran. The next thing Mr. Buck knew clap No. 2 struck him in the shape of the Chief's big hand with a "come along with me." They do say the gun the Chief unloaded from him was a record-breaker. James Rochester, the owner's name, was forthwith haled before 'Squire Cox, and held to bail in $200 for carrying concealed deadly weapons. He finally resumed his journey in company of officer Dixon, his new destination being the workhouse, and after the grand and petit juries get through with him, his last travel point for awhile will no doubt be the county jail.

The cop and the 'squire did a land office business on "Whistlin' Monday" as the colored people call the Monday following Whitsunday, which from time immemorial has been a holiday, too often given over to bibulous indulgences, which about as often land the too "happy" celebrators in the town lockup, or lessen their dram buying capabilities in the way of fines. Some $30 were thus turned into the town exchecquer in one day thanks to the Chief's eternal vigilance. If the poor fellows must throw away their hard got coin, it is only fair that the town should get a share as well as the places they lose their heads and their purses at.

THOROUGHFARE NECK

Mrs. J. Harry David spent Wednesday and Thursday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Money, of Philadelphia, have returned home, after a two weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. Fannie McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Staats visited Mr. I. G. Webb and family in Odessa, on Saturday. Miss Ethelda came home with them to spend Sunday.

Mr. Gilmore Johnson who is very sick has the sympathy of his many friends, and all hope to see him out soon.

Miss Florence David spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Horace David last week.

The young people are now practising for the Children's Day services at Friendship M. E. Church.

Delightful Birthday Surprise

Mrs. Wilmer C. Staats was given a delightful surprise on Saturday evening by her husband, it being her birthday. Mr. Staats planned it so she would not be home, and the guests were almost all present when they returned early in the evening.

The young people indulged in the usual games and refreshments were served at a late hour, at which time Mr. J. Edward Latta presented Mrs. Staats with a beautiful gold watch, a present from Mr. Staats, with an appropriate speech. Miss Ethel E. Derrickson then gave a short speech in Mrs. Staats' behalf. Everyone expressed themselves as having enjoyed the evening so much, as a company always does when at Mr. Staats', and Mrs. Staats seemed almost as much delighted as she was surprised which was completely.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer C. Staats, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. David, Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. David, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Woodkeeper, Mr. and Mrs. Horace David, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dukes, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. David, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Deakyne, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Latta, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood David, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. William Birchard, Mr. and Mrs. James Lockerman, Mr. and Mrs. John Holland, Mrs. Elizabeth Woodkeeper, Mrs. S. A. David, Mrs. Samuel McClain, Mrs. Elmer David, Mrs. William Warner, Mrs. Blanche David, Misses Mary A. Staats, Jessie R. Staats, Hilda and Nora David, Avis Shockley, Florence David, Ethel E. Derrickson, Elizabeth Collins, Mamie McClain, Minnie Spitznagel, Ella Remeley, Florence Collins, Reba Latta, Edna Woodkeeper, Mary Burris, Ethelda Webb, Ruth Evans and Messrs. W. H. Staats, Charles Stellar, Samuel McClain, Jr., Pierce Berry, Geo. Bennett, Coryl Wrench, Orvesl Nuam, Lee David, George Boyer, Walter and Oscar David, Linsey Collins, Milton Latta, Clarence Pleasanton, Harry Keiser and Benjamin Burris.

For Register Of Wills

Walter Beasten has announced his candidacy for Register of Wills of New Castle County, subject to the decision of the Republican voters. Mr. Beasten is a resident of Middletown, and has a large circle of friends, who will make a strong fight for his nomination.

COMET COMICALITIES

As Gathered By Our Local Observer

Chief Hits Many "Obejoyfuls"

Well, we're glad to announce that the comet didn't bit us a little bit. One of our friends started to write a Latin obituary for the whole town, but happened to think there'd be nobody left to get THE TRANSCRIPT out and so he didn't finish it. That obituary for dead folks to read would be something like Pat's alarm clock that he had to wake up to pull.

But Chief Stanley is furnishing enough diversion to tide us over this comet crisis—thank Heaven. Here are two more of his exploits. The writer was talking to him Monday evening when on a sudden he turned round and grabbed a glassy-eyed "culled gemman" trying to hold up a telegraph pole and had him in the bughouse in a jiffy—whisked him off so fast the fellow owned up to a theft he had not been charged with. But the funniest is No. 2. Two sable-hued belated "Whistlin' Mondayites" from Smyrna, homeward bound somewhere out on the Manor, driving a vehicle that originally had four wheels, met with some sort of an accident in their "unco fu" condition that left them only two wheels, one axle and the horse. The Chief first saw them as they neared the National Hotel, both riding the axle, holding each other on some how and driving with one hand, both very drunk. From some cause their luck left them there for they both landed between the wheels—one of them under the wheels. The Chief took pity on their perilous gymnastics, and put them in the town jug to sober up. Some good Samaritan finally went their bail keeping the horse for security. The next day they came back and redeemed their nag. Whether they got the other two wheels and the rest of their equipage we can't say, but the marvel that puzzles everybody is, how they ever got to town and how many times they tumbled off their slender perch.

Jolted the Star Gazers

Star gazing was at a premium Wednesday night, when scores of folks, ladies and gentlemen, got out of town far enough to get a good view of the much discussed comet show and the spectacle of the Aurora Borealis, Leonids, shooting stars, etc., scheduled by some of the knowing astronomical guys to come off somewhere between 10 30 P. M., Wednesday, the 18th, and the middle of next week—may be.

Well, it "went off," it did! Not the comet but a sky-rocket some wag managed to explode over the heads of the lady comet-lookers just when the expectation of seeing Mr. Halley's big show had reached the highest point. Then the ladies shrieked and tumbled over each other, and the chivalrous men took to their heels—everybody cock sure the comet had struck—or something.

After finding the comet shower was limited to one poor squib, the startled star gazers got their nerves back and finally went home singing a catch of the old song

"I'm dreaming now of Halley
Sweet Halley, and the comet-bird
Is singing on its bough."

Scaring Folks Everywhere

And let me tell you, friends, the blamed thing has "got on to the nerves" of some people not quite so far off as Georgia, or the Philippines where 1000's are scared to a standstill—they do say some of our own citizens are swearing off—some few rubbing up their "now I lay me's," promising to go to church, quit cussin', etc.—if the comet won't strike 'em!

We're getting nervous too, and that's a fact—in another way—tired to death of hearing the everlasting question 16 times a day these three weeks past "O, have you seen the comet yet?" "Do you think it will hit us?" etc. And then the tons of stuff these scientific sharps have been feeding us! Astronomers real and bogus for weeks telling us all they know about stars, sun and comets and a great deal more than they know, some of them. And the infernal discussions about terrestrial and celestial cosmogonies, about nebular hypothess, corpuscular theories, etc., one hears and the questions the school kids fire at one! Enough to get onto one's nerves without any Halley's comet, ain't it? It would be a relief to be hit by something about now, anyhow. Can't stand it much longer. Why even the moon had to go and get full!

Queer Effects on Various People

We are not sorry to see the end of this comet business. It has killed a few, driven some crazy, and scared a lot of Georgia darkies almost white. One poor girl in New York City who stayed up to see the comet, lost her memory and wandered off miles till a wise doctor who knew a thing or two besides pills, contrived to pull her dislocated wits into their socket again. Voodoo doctors in the big cities are doing a lively trade in selling charm potions warranted to head off all evil effects when Mr. Halley's traveller lights. Hundreds are beseeching the police stations for help; scores are refuging in their cellars with grub enough to stand a siege; many are falling to their devotions limbering up their rusty prayer hinges. Some are drinking more whiskey, some are drinking less, etc. So there you the deuce to pay generally; but the chaps that are fond of going on nocturnal batters and going home so full they can't find the keyhole anywhere in the front door—these boozers are getting great returns from the comet gazing yarns they tell their trusting better halves.

Holding Her Hands

THE TRANSCRIPT man overheard a nervous young lady ask a gentleman "would he hold her hand at the fateful moment when the comet struck? We can't report his answer, but we can guess it.

Now, inasmuch as there will no doubt be quite a number of good-looking young ladies more or less upset about this comet business, of course they will all need some obliging young fellow to reassure them in this manner, and if the young men of our burg are "up to snuff" they will at once proceed to work this comet-hand-holding racket for some months to come. May be more comets, you know—danger not all over yet, etc.

Now, boys, hearken unto me! THE TRANSCRIPT editor used to play the same nice game, even without any comet, before he got married, and gladly gives you kids a pointer. Science says there are millions of comets—big and little—scores of 'em hitting the earth's atmosphere every day somewhere. Every day, think of it! There's your cue my dear boys—a reason for supporting the fair Arabella's little soft paw, or both of them for that matter—every day in the year and at least twice on Surdays!

AN ANTEDELUVIAN AUTO

A non-descript Cadillac auto, which, judging from its asthmatic wheeze and paralitic wabble was of the brew of the year 1900, passed through town Wednesday afternoon, in charge of three young men. The rear of the old benzine buggy was adorned with a large canvas announcing in big letters "A non-stop run—Dover to San Francisco."

It reminds one of a story Twain tells in "Roughing It," where he describes a "prairie schooner," he saw on the plains westward bound bearing the legend "Pike's Peak or Bust," and which he says he met later going the other way with the supplemental confession on its sides "Busted by Thunder." From the horrible fashion in which the feeble old craft lurched off towards Frogtown, it will be a lucky chance if the young wags reach Wilmington with less than say 40 stops—if they ever do.

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DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL

A very delightful musical was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Metten, on West Main street on Tuesday evening. The affair was under the auspices of the Mite Society of Forest Presbyterian Chuch, and was a decided success, both socially and financially.

The proceeds will be used to repair the church organ. The following program was given: Cornet Duett, Mrs. Daisy Shepherd Burnham, Wilmington, Mr. H. M. Brubaker, of Reading, Pa.; Recitation, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas McVey, Wilmington: Vocal Solo, Miss Bessie Gunkel, Warwick, Md.; Cornet Solo, Mr. Brubaker; Solo, Paul Burnham; Reading, Miss Eleanor McCoy, Kirkwood; Vocal Duett, Misses Grace Williams and Marion Vinyard; Trio, Cornets and Euphonium, Mrs. Burnham, Mr. Brubaker, Mr. A. H. Clark Wilmington.

Miss Gunkel of Warwick, who is always so well received, was at her best in several vocal selections, "Sweet Miss Mary" being particularly appreciated.

Each number was encored and the musicians very kindly gave several extra jolly selections, which were highly enjoyed.

At the conclusion of the program, ice-cream and cake were served, and a social hour passed, during which several well-known songs were sung and Master John Cochran Pool and Miss Lola Ingram gave piano music.

ODESSA

Mrs. Harry Lightcap was a Philadelphia visitor last week.

Mrs. O. P. Stevens is spending this week with friends in Rising Sun, Md.

Capt. William Rhein, of Delaware City, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mrs. Edward Shetzler spent a few days this week with relatives in Chester, Pa.

Mr. Pierce Boyer, of Delaware City, spent Friday with his aunt, Mrs. George Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Boyer visited relatives in Smyrna, several days this week.

Miss Leethal Musgrove, of Middletown, was the guest of Mrs. A. L. Orrell this week.

Miss Anna Savier, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss Alice McCoy, several days last week.

Miss Mary Staats, of Church Hill, Md., was a visitor at the home of Mrs. G. E. Coppage last week.

Miss Madeline Pennington who has been spending sometime in Philadelphia, has returned home.

Miss Anna Shetzler and sister Mattie have returned home, after a pleasant visit with Chester relatives.

Mrs. Blanche Hawkins, of Collingswood, Pa., was the guest of Mrs. John Heldemyer several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin, of near Townsend, were visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs, Sunday.

Miss Edna Ewell left Saturday for Washington, D. C., where she will attend the World's Sunday School Convention, May 19th and 24th.

The P. O. S. of A. of this town attended services in a body at St. Pauls M. E. Church on Sunday. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Gray, preached a special sermon from 1 Col. 13-13. "The greatest of these is Charity." It was delivered in a most impressive manner.

The Matthews' Corner School gave their annual pic-nic Saturday afternoon last, school having closed for this term the day before. The weather being fine and everyone having a cordial invitation, the picnic was quite a success, and all who had the pleasure of attending enjoyed a good time.

Stanley After the Comet

Officer Stanley was on the sharp lookout for the comet Wednesday; and it is well the crazy old thing didn't "strike" in these diggins for the Chief would certainly have "run it in."

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Interesting Session Held in Delaware City

The County Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at Delaware City on last Tuesday. The meeting was very enthusiastic and delegates were present from each union in the county. The chief subject for discussion was the coming local option campaign and the methods to be used in helping with the work. Mrs. John A. Cranston, of Newport, suggested addresses in the schools, and Miss Katherine Croes, Secretary of the County Y's proposed a special campaign organization of the Y's. Mrs. Ella G. Henderson, State Superintendent of Loyal Temperance Legion Work, will organize the children.

Plans were made for Temperance Day at Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting, which will be on the first Sunday of the Camp.

Temperance addresses were made by Rev. John M. Arters in the morning and by Madame Layyah Barakat at the evning service.

Several state officers took part in the convention, including the State President, Mrs. Kate Smithers, of Smyrna; State Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary Chandler, of Smyrna; Mrs. Cranston, of Newport and Mrs. J. R. Milligan, of St. Georges.

Mrs. Mary B. Donnell, of Newark, the County President; Miss Lily Williams, of Marshallton, the County Secretary, and Mrs. Jessie C. Mearns, of Wilmington, County Treasurer were each presented with a bonquet, after reading their reports and Mrs. Mearns was given a purse of $5.00 in especial appreciation of her work. All the county officers were re-elected unanimously.

Reports of the officers show a very successful year, and there are 1036 paid members of whom 419 are Y's. Total receipts amounting to $1,661.96 were reported by Treasurer; disbursements were $1,328.35, leaving a balance of $433.61. More than $200 was paid out for speakers and $25.00 was paid into the Soldier's Reading Room repair fund.

Wilmington Y is the banner Y, having gained 60 members in a recent membership contest, bringing their number up to 85.

Nearly all the delegates took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Delaware City Reading Room for Soldiers. A graphophone and 40 new books were recent gifts to the room.

TOWNSEND

Miss Laurla Heavelow, of near town, returned home on Monday, after a few days' visit with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. Thomas Wells was a Wilmington visitor on Sunday.

Mrs. John Townsend, Jr., of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother here.

Mr. Harvey Daniele, of Wilmington, was in town a few daye this week.

Mrs. Mollie Naylor and friend, of Wilmington, spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Mary Money.

Mr. Howard Cane, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with friends here.

Misses May and Mildred Wells spent Sunday with their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lafferty, in Clayton.

Rev. and Mrs. F. C. MacSorley had as their guest on Sunday, Mr. Wright, son and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Short, of Newark.

Mr. and Mrs John Morris and children, of Smyrna, visited her mother, Mrs. Maggie Lee, on Sunday.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney, and Mrs. M. P. Money attended the W. C. T. U. convention held at Delaware City on Tuesday. A delightful time was had by all. The trip was made by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph VanDyke and daughter, of Middletown, visited his parents here on Sunday.

The tower at the Back Reedy Island Lighthouse is nearing completion, and Uncle Sam expects to have it ready to put the light in by July 1st.

SPECIAL SIZES

The largest line we have ever shown; Stouts, 36 to 46, Slims 36 to 42; Shorts, 34 to 38; Extra Sizes, 42 to 50; Long Stouts 40 to 50 chest. Suits at $10 to $25. Extra Trousers, $2.50 to $6. Regular sizes Suits. 34 to 40 at $6 to $30. Young Men's special cut, 34 to 38, at $15 to $30. Blue Serges $8 to $25. Silk lined, at $15, $20 and $25. High School Boys Suits, sizes 15 to 19 years, $5 to $18, in Blue Serges, Grey Serges and Worsteds, Grey Cheviots and Mixed Worsteds. Big stock new styles Little Boys Wash Suits, Serges and Cassimeres, in Russian, Sailor Blouse, Norfolk and Junior Suits. Straw Hats in, ready and going.

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Mabel was not on the bed, but her fur toque and jacket were hanging behind the door, and Dora came to the conclusion that she had gone down with Fred to the Allegrettis' card party. She sat back in a rocking chair and rocked gently to and fro, her eyes closed, her tired, overwrought nerves relaxed. Then she heard a slight noise, some one moving softly, and voices in the men's room beyond. She listened almost breathlessly. Again—a chair shoved aside, then a voice she knew. She got up and went over to the door softly on her toes. For a second she listened at the keyhole. Then she crept back and deliberately overturned a chair. It fell to the floor with a crash, and she spoke aloud.

Now, ain't I clumsy?

Again she listened. In the room beyond all was quiet.

A little later she went downstairs, and, passing the Allegrettis room, looked in the partly open door. They were playing pitch on the bed—Allegretti and his wife, Fred and Will.

Where's Mabel? asked Dora, forcing a smile.

Fred looked up and winked, showing her his six-bits of pasteboard.

Mabel? Down in Mrs. Sweeney's room, he answered. She's cleaning her jewelry—been there an hour or more.

The Allegrettis and the Zenos ate supper together that night, breakfast the next morning, and then hurried through a cold lunch before they departed for the matinee. Both acts were playing the same house. A well-known comic-opera star was the headliner, and the Four Flying Zenos were the extra feature, while the Allegrettis enjoyed the title of "added attraction." The Monday matinee passed off smoothly enough.

Pretty neat! said the house manager. Plenty of go about it and well worked out. New stuff on the bars, too! Pretty good!

Thanks, gov'nor, Fred nodded; and Mabel smiled her prettiest and blinked her childish blue eyes at him.

We think it's the classiest act of its kind in the polite varieties, she said naively. We've had an offer to go to London with it—eight weeks at the Empire, with another eight to follow if wanted. But we ain't decided yet. I tell Fred—my husband—I tell him I'd like to go if only to see the sights; but, you see, we're in such demand here in America!

You're always sure of a welcome here in my house, said the manager, getting red in the face. By Jove! she was pretty—a stunner! Then he remembered his dignity, and as promptly froze.

I think six bows is enough for the act—don't keep the stage too long, please, he added, in his business voice.

But Mabel had seen the flushed face and admiring eyes, and she went back to Mrs. Sweeney's full of the perfectly lovely manager at the show-shop, m'dear. Fred teased her about him, and Will laughed at them; but Dora, as usual, had nothing to say.

Mabel and Dora and Mamie Allegretti shared the same dressing-room, for the bill was long that week and included a miniature musical comedy with thirty people. The Allegrettis' act went on before the Four Flying Zenos', and Mabel helped Mamie with her costume before she began to dress herself. Then, left alone with Dora, she lapsed into a thoughtful quiet and the two sisters prepared for the stage in silence.

Dora spoke first, which was unusual.

You remember what I told you about Will, last week, don't you? she asked.

I don't know if I do or not, returned Mabel defiantly.

Yes, you do, too, nodded Dora.

Well, what if I do? What are you croaking about now? demanded Mabel. And let me tell you, miss, that I can't stand no talk out o' you now with me going on the stage to do a difficult trapeze act. So cut it—until after the show, at least. I'm that nervous——

You ought to be, said Dora quietly.

The Four Flying Zenos walked to the wings and waited for Miss Willoughby to finish taking the eight bows allowed her by the house manager. Then, when she came off after the final one and the orchestra began to play their music, a generous sound of applause greeted them as they filed out, Will first, then Mabel, then Dora, then Fred. The girls wore short pink dresses in the beginning of the act, which they later changed to blue satin knee breeches, with white silk stockings, the same as the men wore. They were well groomed, and the girls were young and pretty and of the type rarely seen in their line of work. After a number of single turns, the four of them got up on bars and began swinging back and forth. Up and down, to and fro, here, there everywhere—Mabel changing positions with Will, and Fred with Dora. They all worked at once—with lightning rapidity!

Presently they took their positions for the star feature of the act. Mabel stood on Will's shoulders, her head reaching 'way up in the flies, and Will stood lightly perched on a bar fifteen feet above the stage. Directly opposite them Fred on a bar, with Dora on his shoulders. At a given signal the men swung back and forth eight times, then jumped clear of the bar, shooting out across the stage toward the bartheir partner had used but a moment before. And, as they shot out, the girl on the man's shoulder jumped clear of him, landed on a trapeze above the bars he was to land on. It was all done much quicker than it takes to tell it, and to make a successful trip across the stage required but two things—a sure nerve and the jump from the bar made at the right moment, so as to catch its mate on its backward swing.

The Four Flying Zenos faced each other, ready for their signal. Fred gave it. Then, back and forth, they swung like the wind eight times. On their last swing backward, Will caught a glimpse of Dora's face.

Dora! he shrieked; then, as the bar flew forward, he shot free from the thing with Mabel on his shoulders.

God! he groaned. My God—dearie!

In a moment he saw it all as the bar he was to catch swung out beyond his grasp. He threw up one hand, and it struck the trapeze as Mable made a grab to get it. Out it swung beyond her reach, and man and girl came down to the stage with a dull, sickening thud.

Fred, safe on his bar, saw them fall. Dora, standing on her trapeze twenty feet above the stage, heard them shriek aloud. Then the curtain was quickly lowered, and the house physician hurried to their aid.

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They took them to the Mercy Hospital, Will unconscious, Mabel sobbing with pain. Fred rode with them in the ambulance, not even stopping to change his costume. Dora dressed herself before she followed in a hansom.

She met Fred outside of the door of Mabel's room, wild-eyed, his face hideous with grease paint and perspiration, but strangely quiet withal.

How is she? Dora asked.

Suffering. Her left arm's broken, the doctor says, and she's bruised and terribly upset.

That all? asked Dora.

Good God! ain't that enough? My little Mabel! cried the man. Arm broken—may be a couple o' months before she's able to work again; and as for Will——

How is Will? she asked, with a sudden weakness, almost afraid of what his answer might be.

Conscious now—worse than Mabel. In fact, 'doc' don't seem to know yet just how bad he's hurt. I tell you, Dora, it beats me how the thing ever happened. Here we've been doing the same act for months without an accident, and then—a smash-up. I'm afraid it'll ruin us—the managers will be afraid of us after this.

A nurse came in and spoke to Dora.

The patient in 32 wants to speak to you, she said. Don't excite him. There—in there!

Dora opened the door and saw Will lying on the bed. He was very pale, but he smiled as she came over to him.

You almost fixed me! he said. How's Mabel? She fell on me—that kind o' saved her——

A broken arm, said Dora shortly, and waited.

Again the ghost of a smile crossed his features.

My right leg, my right arm, and three ribs, the doctor tells me, he told her. I guess I'm lucky, though, it wasn't my neck.

I'm glad it wasn't, Dora said.

Honest?

Yes; because then I'd have been a murderer, she told him quietly.

He nodded.

That's right, Dora, he nodded. You deliberately swung the bar out behind you when Fred jumped—I saw you do it. And you knew, when you did it, I'd fall.

He was silent more than a minute.

I'll be here for months and months. Before I am able to be about again, the season will be over. It—it's awful, Dora; and yet—I deserve it.

You do, she said, in her quiet, colorless way. You promised me Sunday afternoon you'd never make love to Mabel again, and then I went upstairs and found you with her in the next room. Five minutes later! I could have killed you then—with pleasure! You drove me to this to night. I had to put a stop to the elopement—I heard it all planned! I didn't mean to hurt Mabel— Fred's too fond of her; but you I meant to hurt, and I didn't care if the fall crippled you for life. It won't, will it? Well, I'm glad it won't; but—You see, Fred has been so good to me—and he was so good to mother before she died. I believe if anything happened to Mabel it would kill him, and I guess if he ever suspected you— Will, he thinks a mighty lot of you—how could you? It was no use talking, because you knew I wouldn't tell Fred what I had seen and heard. Then, when I learned you were planning to run off together, I determined upon—what happened to-night.

Dora, said Will gently, you love Fred—yes, you do!

She turned away.

He loves Mabel, worships her, she repeated dully. I couldn't let him be miserable, so I had to—to do this to you.

It's all right, returned Will cheerfully. Somehow, now, here on my back, I see things differently, Dora, and when I come out of the hospital everything will be different. In the future, all of us, th' best o' friends.

Yes, said Dora quietly; just that—the best of friends.

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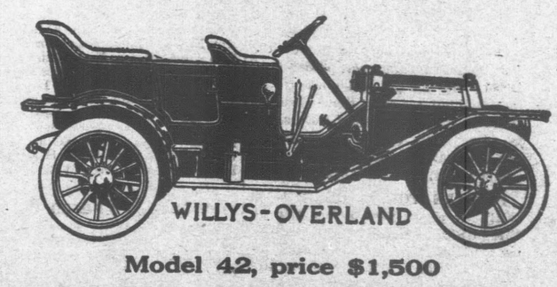

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